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Old Business #1

December 13, 2013

To: Utility Service Board

From: Dale Langferman  
Manager of Finance & Business Operations

RE: Credit Card Analysis

Since the last meeting, I have had a chance to discuss credit card fees and charges with Todd Austin and Charlie Pride, who are with the State Board Accounts.

My first question was can we charge a fee for acceptance of a charge card. They said that a new law passed in July 2013 allows for a fee of up to \$3.00, but not to exceed the fee charged to the utility by the credit card company.

Next, I asked if we could charge different classes of customers a different amount. For instance, only charge industrial customers. They said no, that all customers must be charged the same.

Finally, I asked if we could set a limit on the amount that could be paid by charge card. The answer to that was yes, as long as it was equally administered to all classes of customers.

In summary, we cannot be selective about how we apply a policy. If we were to use a small fee (\$3.00), we would need to verify it did not exceed the actual cost of accepting that card. The only option I see that would work is to set a limit, across the board, that would minimize our cost exposure.

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New Business #1

December 12, 2013

To: Utility Service Board

From: Keith Reeves  
Director

RE: Driftwood Agreement

The Driftwood Utilities Board has asked to address the Utility Service Board concerning a renewed operations and treatment contract between our two agencies.

In the past, there have been numerous discussions and proposals passed between our two groups to the point that for a brief period we had agreed not to pursue a long term agreement in the future.

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Our previous agreement expired in October of 2012, and we have been treating wastes under the authority of the City Council passed rate ordinance of 2009. Additionally, we have been maintaining facilities that we have constructed within Driftwood's CTA and still claim ownership of.